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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Ellen M. Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: August 1, 2006

SUBJECT: Limited English Proficient Clients

Department of Social Services – Office of Newcomer Services (ONS)

The Office of Newcomer Services Partners Meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 24, 2006. The Virginia Department of the Aging is a partner for the Office of Newcomer Services and supports the Elderly Refugee Resettlement Project (REAP) now located in Northern Virginia under the leadership of Amina Shego at aminashego@dss.virginia.gov.

If you have any questions or concerns that need to be addressed at the meeting please contact me at Ellen.Nau@vda.virginia.gov. *A refugee is not an immigrant.* A refugee is a person seeking asylum in a foreign country in order to escape persecution, war, terrorism, extreme poverty, famines and natural disaster. Those who seek refugee status are sometimes known as asylum seekers and the practice of accepting such refugees is that of offering political asylum. The most common asylum claims to industrialized countries are based upon political and religious grounds. Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Refugee

At the last ONS meeting, the issue of human trafficking was discussed. The 2006 United States Department of State Human Trafficking Report is now available at www.state.gov/g/tip.   The Department of State is required by law to submit a report to Congress on foreign governments' efforts to eliminate severe forms of trafficking in persons. Countries are ranked in tiers in their efforts to comply with elimination of human trafficking per U.S. law. Tier 3 denotes countries that have failed to make significant progress in this area. These nations could be denied non-humanitarian, non-trade related aid from the U.S. Tier 3 placements in the 2006 report include: Belize,

Burma, Cuba, Iran, Laos, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Uzbekistan, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

The 2006 report focuses on the practice of trafficking persons for slave labor. This practice often occurs in the person's own country. It can appear in the form of domestic **household workers, factory workers and migrant farm workers**. The U.N. estimates that there are 12.3 million people in forced labor, bonded labor, forced child labor and sexual servitude.   For further information on funding, enforcement, human smuggling and other topics related to human trafficking, consult the above noted website that takes you to the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Undersecretary for Democracy and Global Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

"(The) report probes even the darkest places, calling to account any country, friend or foe, that is not doing enough to combat human trafficking. Though many complain, the power of shame has stirred many to action and sparked unprecedented reforms. Defeating human trafficking is a great moral calling and we will never subjugate it to the narrow demands of the day." Condolezza Rice, Secretary of State May 10, 2006, Independent Women's Forum, Washington, D.C.

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TO: Executive Directors
               Area Agencies on Aging

AND: AIM System Managers

FROM: Leonard Eshmont
               Information System Administrator

DATE: August 1, 2006

RE: AIM Administrator Workshop / Annual Review

VDA will hold a one day AIM Administrator Workshop in two locations this year. On Thursday September 21st, 2006 the event will be held in Portsmouth, VA at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel. On Wednesday September 28th, 2006 the event will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Roanoke, Virginia. Purpose of the meetings are to review changes in AIM over the past year, inform administrators of future enhancements, and to provide a refresher course on current policy related to the tracking of UAI and service data.

Lodging is available for the Portsmouth event the night of September 20th at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel for the state rate of $124.00 per room plus applicable taxes. Reservations can be obtained by calling toll free (888) 839-1775 and identifying yourself with the VDA AIM Workshop. Reservations must be made no later than August 21, 2006; otherwise there is no guarantee a room will be available at the time of your request.

Lodging is available for the Roanoke event the night of September 27th at the Wyndham Roanoke Airport Hotel for the state rate of $68.00 per room plus applicable taxes. Reservations can be obtained by calling toll free (800) 996-3426 and identifying yourself with the VDA AIM Workshop. Reservations must be made no later than September 13, 2006; otherwise there is no guarantee a room will be available at the time of your request.

Directions for the conference rooms and Hotels have been included with this mailing. Agenda will be forthcoming in a reminder announcement of this event in a future Tuesday mailing. A copy of these notices will be emailed to all AIM administrators. Please respond by September 13, 2006 as to the number and names of attendees from your agency by calling my office at (804) 662-9800 or by email at Leonard.Eshmont@vda.virginia.gov.

Directions to the Wyndham Roanoke Airport Hotel
Roanoke, Virginia
AIM Workshop
September 28, 2006

Hotel Address:
2801 Hershberger Road
Roanoke, VA 2401
Phone: 540-563-9300

Directions:

- From Interstate 81 (North or South)
- Take Exit 143 to I-581(South) in Roanoke
- From I-581 take Exit 3W (Hershberger Road)
- Take right (U-turn) at the first light and you will see the Wyndham Roanoke Airport sign
- Hotel entrance is on your left

**RENAISSANCE.
PORTSMOUTH HOTEL
AND WATERFRONT CONFERENCE CENTER
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA**
425 Water Street
Portsmouth, VA 23704
Phone: (757) 673-3000

From Norfolk International Airport: After exiting the Norfolk International Airport, you will be on Norview Avenue. Take Norview Avenue to I-64 East to I-264 West towards Downtown Tunnel/Portsmouth. Proceed through the Downtown Tunnel and take the 1st exit immediately after the tunnel (Exit #7). Bear right onto Crawford Street. following signs to Downtown Portsmouth. Bear left to stay on Crawford Street. Make a right onto Water Street. The hotel will be on the left.

From Norfolk Waterside: Take the passenger ferry to the North Harbor Ferry Landing next to the hotel.

From I-664: Take the I-264 E exit, on the left, toward Portsmouth/Norfolk. Continue on I-264 to the North Effingham Street exit (#7B) toward Crawford Street. Keep left at the fork in the ramp. Merge onto the Crawford Connector, which turns into Crawford Street. Turn right on London Boulevard, then left onto Water Street, the hotel is on the left.

From Points East (Virginia Beach): Take I-264 West towards Downtown Tunnel/Portsmouth. Proceed through the Downtown Tunnel and take the 1st exit immediately after the tunnel (exit #7). Bear right onto Crawford Street, following signs to Downtown Portsmouth. Bear left to stay on Crawford Street. Make a right onto Water Street. The hotel will be on the left.

From Points West (Richmond): Take I-64 East to I-664 South. Go through the Monitor Merrimac Tunnel. Take I-264 East towards Downtown Tunnel/Portsmouth. Take exit #7B (before the tunnel). Follow the signs to Crawford Street. From Crawford Street make a right onto Water Street. The hotel will be on the left.

From Points South (Suffolk): Take Route 58 East to I-264 East towards Downtown Tunnel/Portsmouth. Take exit #7B (before the tunnel). Follow the signs to Crawford Street. From Crawford Street make a right onto Water Street. The hotel will be on the left.

From Chesapeake: Take I-464 towards Norfolk to I-264 West towards Downtown Tunnel/Portsmouth. Proceed through the Downtown Tunnel and take the 1st exit immediately after the tunnel (exit #7). Bear right onto Crawford Street, following signs to Downtown Portsmouth. Bear left to stay on Crawford Street. Make a right onto Water Street. The hotel will be on the left.